

THE FORT on Pensacola harbor generally spe-
"McRae" is properly "McRee." It is a casemate
fortification with two tiers of guns in casemate and
tier *en barbette*, that is to say, on the ramparts. It
built to mount 150 guns, and is distant from Fort
Pickens, built for 210 guns, about a mile and
quarter. There is a water battery in advance of
McRee mounting 10 heavy guns. We might have
both Pickens and Fort Monroe if we had
"watched and waited" a little too long. They wo-
now be worth armies and navies to us.

THE AMOUNT of sea island cotton made in the Confederacy, and *all* the long-stapled cotton of the world made in the Confederate States, is about forty thousand bales, raised on the coasts of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. It would be a liberal calculation to allow one half of this to South Carolina, and a still more liberal one to state one-third of this amount as likely to fall into the hands of the enemy—one fourth or thousand bales would be found to far exceed the fact. This at \$150 per bale would be only \$750,000, instead of the sundry millions over which the Northern paper especially those of the great, liberal city of New York have been crowing so loudly.

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paper has a greasy appearance.

Charleston Courier, 26th inst.

THE SMARTEST THING YET.—Some wonderful things have been done during the war, but the smartest thing yet was the battle of Pitkewton, Ky. The Confederate force consisted of 740 men 615 infantry, and 125 cavalry. Of these the Federal troops killed 400 and took 700 prisoners! What became of the balance we are unable to learn. We hope they are yet living to regret the success of the Federal cause, but it can no longer be doubted. We can best the Confederates at everything—even at living.

Brooklyn (N. Y.) City News

General Sam Houston is still among the living, frequent reports of his death to the contrary notwithstanding. The last accounts from Texas represent him as out of danger from his recent illness.

From the foregoing statement it will be seen that the cost of operating, and the cost of "consumption" included.

NEW EQUIPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION.

We have had prompt repairs for the next year—a complete equipment of the fleet, and the fleet of the United States Frigate, when fully repaired and in good order we soon hope to have them, will be sufficient for the present year, and will be required of them for the present year. I therefore recommend that thirty new frigates be built or purchased, without delay. The great increase in our fleet, through business, both Confederate and private, has increased the cost of the freight cars.

I do not propose any material improvement in the fleet, or other part of the permanent way during the current year, beyond a supply of new rails. As soon as the rails are laid down, the cost of the rails, of material, and of the freight cars, will be reduced. The freight cars will be constructed from the rails.

By force closing this report, I desire to inform you you have been called to examine the *Round Way* as usual, September first.

Shortly before the fall of Port Hatteras, at the request of the Committee of Safety of Wilmington, the engineer appointed me Chief of the Corps of State Art and Engineers, and I was assigned to duty as Chief Engineer of the Coast Def of this part of the State, a position I had neither the notion nor ability to decline.

From the time I was so occupied much of my thought I have extended to the office and depot duties as practicable. There seemed to be a necessity to services, in the construction of defensive works on the coast, and I was called upon to make a large and important of the Company's property to be preserved.

I have heretofore laid this matter before the Board of record, and by them my course has been approved only refer to the subject here that the facts may be known.

In consequence of vacating the office of Superintendent Clerk some months ago, the accounts heretofore kept

of the imaginary victory at Pickett, Ky., which saw in the Washington *Star*, placed the Confederate loss as high as 2,015! This is a further illustration of the unblushing mendacity of the Lincoln press. It brings to mind a communication lately received in which a gentleman gave the results of a careful examination of the staves of the Baltimore *Clipper*, which he counted straight up to the time he left Maryland, some two weeks ago. He summed up the enormous number of *million four hundred thousand* "rebels" killed and disposed of by the Lincolmites since the opening of active hostilities! This information will prove highly interesting to our people, who must be ignorant that such vast number of our noble men have died in defence of their rights.—*Richmond Dispatch*:

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